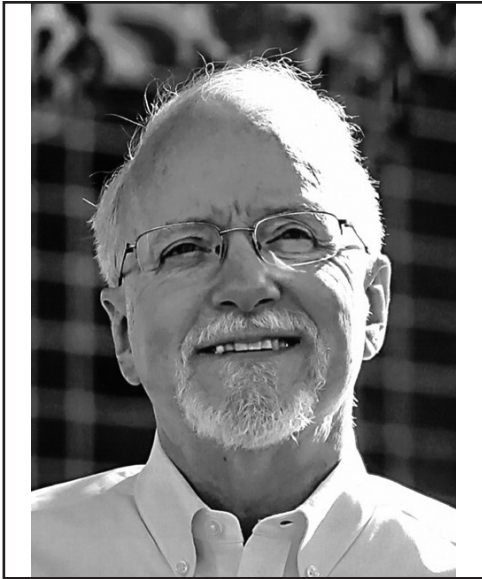


# House District 32 Representative

## Van Lawrence, Registered Democrat



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**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Dallas, TX

**SPOUSE'S NAME:** Elaine

**CHILDREN'S NAMES:** Alicia (deceased)

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 44 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Anchorage (May 1978-August 1978)  
Fairbanks (September 1978-Present)

**EDUCATION:**

Richfield High School 1966-1970 (Waco, TX)- High School Diploma  
Georgetown University 1970-1974 (Washington, DC)- Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service  
Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary 1975-1978 (Williamsburg, VA)- Doctorate of Jurisprudence

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly (2012-2018)  
Alaska Public Offices Commission (2019-2022)

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Labor economist  
Associate attorney  
Attorney/Owner

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**

Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks  
The Fairbanks Pioneer Home Foundation Board  
Retired Senior Volunteer Program Board

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Spending time with family and friends, reading, biking, traveling, and history

**OTHER:**

In the summer of 1975, I backpacked across Canada and into Alaska. The state made a lasting impression on me and I never got it out of my system.

**STATEMENT:**

Interior residents are facing some real challenges: high energy costs, bad air quality, inadequate funding for public education, low paying jobs, a lack of affordable childcare, Covid, and climate change. For us to overcome these challenges we need to elect state legislators who will look for practical solutions, not push partisan agendas. With my experience and maturity, I will be such a Legislator.

I will work to diversify our economy, which will produce better paying jobs; to increase state funding of public schools—K-12, UAF, and skilled trades; to develop renewable resources, to promote agriculture for more food security; and strengthen our partnership with our military. I will fight to get Interior residents their fair share of State resources, to have the natural gas line built near Fairbanks, to protect our right to privacy and individual freedoms, and to get fair royalties for our natural resources.

While serving on the Borough Assembly, I assisted in the revising and passing six annual budgets which reduced property taxes, funded schools, and prioritized road projects. When I served as a Commissioner on the Alaska Public Offices Commission, I heard appeals from elected officials and political candidates who were charged in violating Alaska's campaign finance laws and made advisory opinions regarding campaign finance laws. I have worked across party lines in both these roles and demonstrated my ability to put needs of our community first.

I believe in community service and I love Alaska. I would be honored to earn your vote.

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